

or thing cognizable by him under the provisions of this act, and he shall have full power and authority to enforce the attendance of witnesses, by attachment directed to the sheriff of Dorchester county, whose duty it is hereby made to serve the same under penalty of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, to be imposed by the Circuit court of said county, upon being satisfied that his failure to do so has been wilful, and the said commissioner, upon return of said attachment, shall receive the statement of the witness under oath, and such testimony as shall appertain to his exculpation from, or guilt of contempt, to be laid before the Orphans' court, who may thereupon fine such party, if guilty, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county of Dorchester, to obey and execute all processes and orders of the said commissioner in like manner as he is now bound to obey and execute the orders and processes issued out of the Circuit court for Dorchester county, for the like fees for the services aforesaid; and all witnesses attending before the said commissioner, shall receive the same per diem fees they are entitled to receive when attending before the Circuit court for said county.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioner is hereby authorised to issue commissions to take the testimony of witnesses residing beyond the limits of said county of Dorchester, in any matter or issue pending before him with like authority, and to be issued, executed and returned, in the same manner as is now provided by law for the issuing, execution and return of commissions to take testimony from the Circuit court of said county, beyond the limits of this State.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioner shall have power to appoint his own clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a fair record in a proper book to be provided at the county charge, of all matters and proceedings before the said commissioner, and to make fair and legible copies of all the testimony taken before him, and such other duties as shall be prescribed by said commissioner, and said clerk shall receive a salary to be paid to him by the commissioners of Dorchester county.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That Daniel M. Henry, of Dorchester county, be, and he is hereby appointed commissioner to carry into execution the provisions of this act, and shall hold his appointment for the

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